

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claim Amendments

The Applicant has not amended any claims. Applicant respectfully submits no new matter has been added. Accordingly, claims 1-18 are pending in the application. Favorable reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested in view of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks.

Examiner Objections - Claims

Claim 18 were objected to because of informalities. The Applicant appreciates the Examiner's thorough review of the claims. The Applicant has amended the claims as suggested by the Examiner in order to correct the informalities. The Examiner's consideration of the amended claims is respectfully requested.

Claim Rejections – 35 U.S.C. § 102(e)

Claims 1-2, 6-8, and 12-18 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by Tolopka (6,757,360). The Applicant respectfully traverse the rejection of these claims.

The Tolopka reference discloses a system for filtering incoming telephone calls. As pointed out in the first paragraph of the Tolopka Detailed Description, incoming caller ID information is compared against a stored list of caller ID information. The Examiner also indicates that Tolopka anticipates the Applicant's limitations in claim 1 of: "receiving during the telephone connection being established a service request from one of said first user or second user" (col. 6, lines 45-47) and " appointing based on said service request during the telephone connection being established at least one authorization to said other of said first user or second user (col. 6, lines 47-58).

The Applicant respectfully directs the Examiner's attention to claim 1.

1. (Previously Presented) A method for providing an authorization to a user during a telephone connection being established between a first user and a second user in a telecommunications system comprising one or more interconnected telecommunications networks, said method comprising the steps of:

- i) setting up the telephone connection between both the first and second user using their subscriber identity numbers based on authorizations appointed to said first or second user;
- ii) receiving during the telephone connection being established a service request from one of said first user or second user; and
- iii) appointing based on said service request received during the telephone connection being established at least one authorization to said other of said first user or second user (emphasis added).

The Applicant respectfully submits the Tolopka reference fails to suggest or teach the limitations that are emphasized above.

The Applicant respectfully submits that the cited portions of Tolopka do not refer to a service request being received during establishment (setup) of the telephone connection between the first and second users. The Applicant's invention discloses a method and system for establishing a telephone connection between two users and for either of the users able to invoke a service request during the telephone connection being set up (page 7, lines 28-31). Tolopka allows commands, but the cited portions indicate that the commands that are made during the call, not during setup as in the Applicant's invention. Therefore, Tolopka lacks the limitation of requests being made during connection setup. This being the case, the Applicant respectfully requests the allowance of claim 1 and the analogous independent claims 7, 15, 17 and 18.

Claims 2, 6, 8, 12-14 and 16 depend from claim 1, 7 and 15, and recite further limitations in combination with the novel elements of the independent claims. Therefore, the allowance of claims 1-2, 6-8 and 12-18 is respectfully requested.

Claim Rejections – 35 U.S.C. § 103 (a)

Claims 3-5 and 9-11 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Tolopka (6,757,360) in view of Heiner (6,370,235). The Applicant respectfully traverses the rejection of these claims.

The Heiner reference is cited for establishment of a future telephone connection between the first user and second user as Tolopka fails to disclose this limitation. As the Applicant noted above the Tolopka reference lacks the limitation of receiving service requests during setup of a telephone connection. The Heiner reference also lacks the

same limitations. The Applicant respectfully submits that the Tolopka and Heiner references, individually or in combination, fail to disclose, teach or suggest the limitation of requests being made during connection setup. Claims 3-5 and 9-11 depend from claims 1 and 7, contain the same limitations and recite further limitations. The Applicant respectfully requests the allowance of claims 3-5 and 9-11.

Prior Art Not Relied Upon

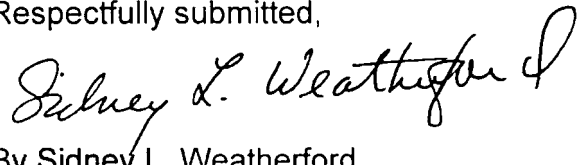
In paragraph 6 on page 4 of the Office Action, the Examiner stated that the prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to the Applicant's disclosure.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing remarks, the Applicant believes all of the claims currently pending in the Application to be in a condition for allowance. The Applicant, therefore, respectfully requests that the Examiner withdraw all rejections and issue a Notice of Allowance for all pending claims.

The Applicant requests a telephonic interview if the Examiner has any questions or requires any additional information that would further or expedite the prosecution of the Application.

Respectfully submitted,

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